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Michigan Potato Stocks

Potato Stocks in Michigan on April 1, 2019, were 3.0 million cwt, down 21 percent from last year's 3.8 million cwt. April's stocks represent 16 percent of the total production. Stocks include potatoes stored by both processors and growers.

The 13 major potato States held 143 million cwt of potatoes in storage April 1, 2019, up 3 percent from April 1, 2018. Potatoes in storage accounted for 34 percent of the fall storage States' 2018 production, the same percentage as the previous year. Potato disappearance, at 277 million cwt, was up 3 percent from April 1, 2018. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 20.5 million cwt, was 6 percent higher than the same time last year. Processors in the 8 major States used 150 million cwt of potatoes for the season, up 3 percent from April 2018.

Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks, 2016 - 2018

Item	Michigan			13 Major States		
	2016 crop	2017 crop	2018 crop	2016 crop	2017 crop	2018 crop
	1,000 cwt	1,000 cwt	1,000 cwt	1,000 cwt	1,000 cwt	1,000 cwt
Production	17,390	18,315	18,240	412,688	406,800	420,141
Stocks						
December 1	9,900	11,000	10,200	275,800	277,900	283,600
February 1	6,000	6,900	6,500	213,000	210,600	213,700
April 1	2,600	3,800	3,000	142,600	138,800	143,140